

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS20968

Idaho Code authorizes the use of deficiency warrants under certain circumstances. The agencies pay the bills and come back to the Legislature during the next session for the cash to reimburse those costs. This legislation includes reimbursement for the costs incurred for three purposes. First, it reimburses the Fire Suppression Deficiency Warrant Fund to pay for the costs of fighting fires on wild lands protected by the state and timber protective associations. Second, it reimburses the Department of Agriculture for prior fiscal year costs to survey for pests on state and private lands. And third, it includes funding to reimburse the Military Division for costs incurred in fiscal year 2011 that are associated with the cleanup of hazardous materials incidents throughout Idaho.

FISCAL NOTE

This bill transfers a total of \$4,225,700 from the General Fund to three deficiency warrant funds for fiscal year 2012 as follows:

- 1) The Idaho Department of lands had a negative ending balance of \$4,093,300 in the Fire Suppression Deficiency Warrant Fund at the end of Fiscal Year 2011. This appropriation retires that deficiency warrant.
- 2) The Idaho Department of Agriculture issued deficiency warrants that included \$700 for gypsy moth survey, \$600 for Karnal Bunt survey, \$54,200 for an exotic pest survey, \$2,700 for potato cyst nematode (PCN) survey, and \$4,400 for prior-year balances. As a result, JFAC appropriated \$62,600 from the General Fund to transfer into the Pest Control Deficiency Fund. These are the actual costs incurred by the department in prior years that had not been reimbursed.
- 3) The Military Division paid costs associated with the cleanup of hazardous materials incidents throughout the state that totaled \$135,100. Of that amount, \$53,700 was paid by the responsible parties involved and \$81,400 was paid by the issuance of deficiency warrants; however, an additional \$11,600 was later recovered after the issuance of deficiency warrants. As a result, \$69,800 was appropriated from the General Fund for transfer into the Hazardous Substance Emergency Response Fund.

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